

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 714 - SB 1172

March 12, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the consideration of periodic payments of retirement or pension benefits or distributions of lump sum amounts from retirement accounts as income for the purpose of determining a spouse or ex-spouse's right to receive alimony or child support. Adds that a person can be fined for each day such person is in contempt of court until damages ordered by the court are paid.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Limiting the sources of income to be considered in the computation of child support obligation will affect the amount of support a family receives. It is estimated that this will not have a significant impact on the regulatory or administrative functions of the Department of Human Services.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation will not have an impact on the caseloads of state and local courts. Any increase in revenue from fines collected is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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